



**KEIZER PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 11, 2020 @ 6:00 pm
Keizer Civic Center**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Matt Lawyer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Matt Lawyer, Chair
Jeffrey Watson
Garry Whalen
Mark Caillier
Frank Hostler
Jeremy Grenz

Absent:

Crystal Wilson, Vice Chair

Council Liaison Present:

Councilor Freeman

Staff Present:

Shane Witham, Senior Planner
Nate Brown, Community Development Director
Shannon Johnson, City Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Grenz moved for approval of the February 2020 Minutes. Commissioner Hostler seconded. Motion passed as follows: Lawyer, Whalen, Caillier, Hostler and Grenz in favor with Watson abstaining and Wilson absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed text amendment Section 2.203 (Permitted Uses Generally) and Section 2.312 (Yard and Lot Standards)

Chair Lawyer opened the Public Hearing on Section 2.203 – Permitted Uses Generally

Senior Planner Shane Witham summarized his staff report and provided clarification. He explained that Council had asked that the number of chickens be increased to 6 and staff has included ducks as well. He noted that other changes are to make it easier to enforce and regulate and the permit requirement has been deleted. Discussion followed at length regarding regulating service animals, 'comfort animals', coops and runways, and chicken predators.

Matt Griffith, Keizer, voiced support for increasing the number of birds allowed but was opposed to requiring them to be kept in a run.

Erica Arcibal, Keizer, shared detailed information about ducks, and expressed support for allowing them and opposition for keeping them contained.

Cris Dudek, Keizer, voiced support for increasing the number of chickens and allowing ducks but urged eliminating the requirement to keep them contained.

Matt Lawyer shared information received from people on Facebook.

With no further testimony Chair Lawyer closed the Public Hearing on Section 2.203 – Permitted Uses Generally.

Commissioner Caillier moved that the Planning Commission accept the staff's work adding the verbiage "Animals if required to be allowed under federal or state law including outdoors shelters or runs", allowing chickens or ducks and increasing the number to 6 and including staff's wording on coops and runways. Commissioner Grenz seconded and offered a friendly amendment to change 'property' to 'parcel or lot' (accepted by Commissioner Caillier). Motion passed as follows: Lawyer, Whalen, Caillier, Hostler, Watson and Grenz in favor with Wilson absent.

Chair Lawyer opened the Public Hearing on Section 2.312 - Yard and Lot Standards.

Senior Planner Shane Witham explained that this item is on the work plan. He summarized his staff report and provided clarification. Discussion took place regarding alleys.

With no further testimony Chair Lawyer closed the Public Hearing on Section 2. 312 - Yard and Lot Standards.

Commissioner Grenz moved that the Planning Commission accept the staff report and recommendation as provided with the exception of adding to Section 2.312.10A1 the 10th line: 'excluding alleys and access easements'. Commissioner Watson seconded. Motion passed as follows: Lawyer, Whalen, Caillier, Hostler, Watson and Grenz in favor with Wilson absent.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS/STAFF REPORT: Community Development Director Nate Brown provided an update on the Transportation Growth Study providing details of the scenarios.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Freeman announced upcoming meetings and encouraged everyone to help with the Saturday Civic Center cleanup.

OTHER BUSINESS: Matt Lawyer invited everyone to the April 18 Soggy Day at the Park and reminded Commissioners to fill out their Annual Statement of Economic Impact.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE: Jeffrey Watson will report to Council.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 8, 2020

Minutes approved: 06-11-20